<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application. By this amendment, claims 17-18 are

canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, to further prosecution of the application. Applicant

respectfully requests reconsideration of the present claims in view of the foregoing amendments

and the following remarks.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with much appreciation that claims 1-16 are allowed.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for allegedly claiming non-statutory

subject matter. Although Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, claims 17-18 have been

canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, to further prosecution of this application.

**CONCLUSION** 

For at least these reasons, Applicant asserts that the pending claims 1-16 are in condition

for allowance. Applicant further asserts that this response addresses each and every point of the

Office Action, and respectfully requests that the Examiner pass this application with claims 1-16

to allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact Applicant's attorney at

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